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Wednesday, July 15, 2020 7:47 AM

To:

Bilardello, David P.

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Walker II, David A. (Dave); Cindy Denby; Nathan Kissling

Subject:

RE: Spectrum Health's written testimony on SB 674

Good morning,

Your position on SB 674 will be recorded in the committee meeting minutes.

Melissa Sweet

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From: Bilardello, David P. < David.Bilardello@spectrumhealth.org>

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Subject: Spectrum Health's written testimony on SB 674

Dear Ms. Sweet:

It was nice talking with you briefly earlier today.

Please accept the following as Spectrum Health's written testimony for the House Health Policy Committee meeting on 7/15/2020 for SB 674, which would eliminate the requirement to obtain a Certificate of Need for air ambulance services. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Spectrum Health is opposed to SB 674, as written. Spectrum Health could support the bill if the effective date was the same as the date the EMS – Life Support Agencies and medical Control Administrative Rules take effect. These rules are currently going, or will soon go, through the rule making process and provide critical quality and safety requirements, which are currently in the CON standards for Air Ambulance services. Repealing the CON standards before these rules take effect would be a disservice to the patients of Michigan as new air ambulance services would begin operation without thorough safety and quality guidelines.

Thank you.

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